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Michelle Kerr, Remedial Project Manager U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -- Region 5 Superfund Division (SR-6J) 77 West Jackson Blvd. Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Re: General Notice for the Chemetco Superfund Site in Hartford, Illinois

Dear Ms. Kerr:

I am writing on behalf of Block Metals, Inc. (f/k/a Cash's Scrap Metal & Iron Corp.) Block Metals received the General Notice letter for the Chemetco Superfund Site in Hartford, Illinois. Block Metals is willing to negotiate with EPA concerning any CERCLA liability it may have for that site.

We are in the process of preparing a response to the agency's CERCLA § 104(e) information request. We will submit that response to you by May 4, 2012 as requested.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if there is anything that we need to discuss.

Very truly yours,

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